Amendments to the Specification:

On page 4, line 5, please delete the paragraph that be begins on page 4, line 5, and continues to line 6, and replace it with the following:

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FIGS. 3A-3D illustrate~~illustrates~~ a diagram defining the architecture of a data storage mechanism used in one embodiment of the invention.

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On page 9, line 10, please delete the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 10, and continues onto page 10, line 2, and replace it with the following:

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Data from the data storage device 45 passes through a third metagate 50 to a fourth storage area 55, sometimes referred to as a data mart. The fourth storage area 55 may be a subset or a sub-component of a larger data warehouse. As such a sub-component, the fourth storage area may be used to store the data for a single department or function. The fourth data storage area 55 may be configured in a star schema and is, in one embodiment, split into aggregations and different subject area components. When so configured, the fourth storage area 55 offers the capabilities of aggregates, such as drill-down, decision support systems ("DSS") and on-line analytical processing ("OLAP") support. The storage area 55 is dynamically built, designed, and rebuilt from inception to date with data housed in the data storage device 45. In one embodiment, the design and architecture of storage area 55 is accomplished by the business analyst (of the implementation team 22) who performs a business analysis, and data modeling using ER-Win from Computer Associates. The storage area 55 is then generated into the target database. Data movement processes are then designed using PowerCenter/PowerMart from Informatica Corporation to move the data into storage area 55. This permits an end ~~use~~ user (e.g., a business) to quickly reconfigure the delivered data by working with the implementation team 22. Without this capability, the storage area 55 cannot cross subject areas or re-integrate its data easily. The fourth storage area 55 serves data quickly to the end-users. In general, end users need data as quickly as possible to make business decisions based on current and up-to-date data. Brio Enterprise and Brio Portal are two examples of software that can be utilized to implement the data storage area 55.

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